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morning, and promptly at 8 he begins work with his secretaries. He
remains with them until luncheon
time—a meal which he eats rapidly, surrounded by his family. He is ac-customed, however, to work while eating. To aid him in this two baskets are placed near him—one for letters and telegrams which do not need to be answered, and the other for those to which replies must be sent. The letters of the latter class he reads as rapidly as possible and outlines with a pencil the answers which are to be written out later by his clerks. He is a fast writer, and usually outlines at the luncheon hour enough work to occupy

his secretaries for a good part of the afternoon.

Sig. Crispi is a small eater and is a better judge of wine than of the preparations of his kitchen chef. He cares little for meat, drinks temperately of wine but never liquors, and sever smokes. His cook is an Italian, as he manifests a preference for Ital-

lan dishes.

After luncheon the Minister resumes his duties at his office and receives the numerous persons begging for an audience. In the early evening he takes a drive, usually accompanied by his daughter, a charming young woman of whom he is exceedingly fond. Since the unfortunate escapades of his son, which led to the young man's confinement in a reformatory, he lavishes all his affection on this daughter.

The chief meal of the day, dinner, is eaten at 7 o'clock. Afterward he usually receives a few of his most intimate friends. The hours with these companions are the pleasantest of the day for him. He is an excellent conversationalist and loves to recall instances in his early life, when he little dreamed that he would be the head Minister of a reconstructed Italy. Like Bismarck, he is a bad listener, and his gueste prefer to al-low him to direct the conversation

according to his humor.
At 10 o'clock the Minister returns to his office and remains there until midnight. He is in bed almost every night before 1 o'clock.

Crushed by Mighty Words. I sat on the seat with a colored man who drove me down to the railroad depot with a shacklety old wagon, and as we left the hotel he said: "Boss, if you kin dun say ober a

few big words on the way down, de ole man will be 'stremely disobleeged ·How big words do you want?" 'Can't get 'em too big, boss. I'ze powerful hand to 'member big

words an' git 'em off when a calam-Rous occasion predominates." "Do you expect to find use for some of them this morning?" "Reckon I does, sah. My son Abraham works down to the depot, an' whenever I comes around he tries to show off ober me an' make me feel small. He'll try it on dis mawning fur suah, an' I jes want to be done fixed to paralyze his desirability. Spit 'em

right out, boss, an' de ole man won't forgit yo' when de watermillyun season cums agin'." and before we reached the depot I gave him a large and choice assortment of Webster's longest. When we drew up at the depot platform Abraham was there, and also a dozen white people who were to go out on the train. It was a good opportunity for the son to show off, and he real-

zed it, and came forward and waved his arm and shouted: "Yo' dar, ole man, han't I dun toled yo' bout 400 times not to sagaciate dat supendous old vehicle in de way of the omnibus? Sum ole niggers doan seem to have no mo' idea of de consanguinity of rectitude

dan a squash." "Was yo' speakin' to me, sah?" stiffly demanded the father as he stood up and glared at Abraham. "Of cose I was." "Den sah, I want yo' to distinctly understand dat when de co-operashun

of de imperialism seems to assimilate

a disreputable imfringement of hered-

itary avariciousness I shall retract my individuality, but not befo'-not befo', sah!" Abraham's eyes hung out, his com plexion became ash color, and his knees bent under him as if the springs were about to give way. It was a long minute before he could utter a

sound, and then he reached for my trunk with the muttered observation: "Befo' de Lawd, but things am gittin' so mixed up dat I can't dun

tell whedder I'm his son or his fadder."—Chicago Times.

Rewarded at Last. In a Western paper, under the heading "Situations Wanted," appeared the following advertisement, which shows in a fair degree the versatility and modesty of one Amer-

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choir. Remarkable as it may seem, this advertisement appeared day after day, indicating that the gifted printer was still without a situation. At last there appeared this addition to the notice:

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